

**In line with the Welsh Government’s ‘Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021’ requirement for all 730 Town and Community Councils in Wales to electronically publish the key information and the outcome of their Council meetings within 7 days of the meeting, Risca Town Council hereby publish an unnumbered and unsigned summary of the:**

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council**

**The meeting was held with both in person and remote virtual availability on Monday 9 Oct 2023**

**Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens and Cllr Clare Evans-Powell**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

PC Jason Harris and PC Megan Lohfink of Heddlu Gwent Police and Ponytmister resident Michael Weddeiren, were also in attendance

The Clerk reported that he had received no requests to join virtually

**Chair/Mayor Cllr Sally Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.32 pm**

**A/ Apologies –Cllr Ffion Green and County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen**

**B/ Presentations –** PC Harris gave the Council an update on the Police activities and crime data in the Town ward. He noted that crime report figures were down on the recent summer months

**C/ Declarations of Interest -** Cllrs Louise Stephens and Clare Evans-Powell declared an interest in the planning application 23/0345

**D/ Residents’ addresses -** None

**E/ Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 11 Sep 2023**

The meeting agreed the minutes that were duly signed as a true and correct record

**F/ County Members –** The Clerk reported that they had emailed him with the County Cllrs recent activities and concerns in the Town

**G/ Decisions made**

**G1 Finance Report**

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that he had published the Audit Wales Notice for the 22/23 Conclusion of Audit over the last 4 weeks. He added that he has

been finalising the 23/24 accounts for the half year Internal Audit. The Council agreed for him to ask Gwyn James to carry out the Internal Audit

## **G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Clerk reported that following his receipt of a written application for the Member vacancy by co-option for the Fields Park Ward the Council had agreed to interview the applicant, local resident Michael Wedderien. The application was duly supported and the Clerk is to write to Caerphilly county borough Council nominating Michael for co-option to Risca Town Council. The Clerk reported that day he had received a financial application from Air Ambulance Wales and they decided to consider this at their November meeting. The Clerk reported that CCBC had arranged a Risca Town Centre Management Group meeting for 19 October at St Margaret's Church, Risca

## **H/ Current Projects Summary**

The Clerk had received a cost estimate from CCBC Parks for the erection of a new flagpole in the Darren Remembrance Gardens. He reported that he had commenced the project by ordering a new flagpole for delivery to CCBC's Abercarn Depot. This project is to be jointly funded with Risca East community council. The Council noted that progress had been made on the plans for the Remembrance Services in November, this December's Festive Lanterns project and to its Christmas Tree lighting event in Tredegar Park, Risca

## **I/ Planning Application – 23/0345 was noted**

**The meeting closed at 8.10 pm**

**The full Minutes when agreed and signed will also be made available on the Council's website as soon as practically possible**